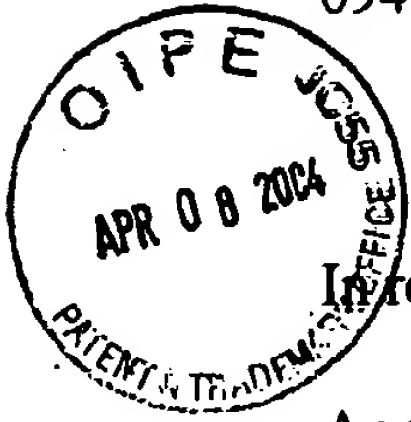


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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 10, 2003, please amend
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